

# Kaera language

**Kaera** is a Papuan language spoken on the northeastern coast of Pantar island in the Alor archipelago of Indonesia. It belongs to the Timor-Alor-Pantar language family. Kaera is used alongside Indonesian in religious contexts, but Kaera is not used in education.

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## Phonology

All the information in this section is from Klamers's sketch grammar.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Consonants

Consonant phonemes

	Labial	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Plosive	p b	t d		k g	
Fricative		s		x	(h)
Nasal	m	n		ŋ	
Trill		r			
Lateral approximant		l			
Approximant	w		j		

## Vowels

Monophthong phonemes

	Front	Central	Back
Close	i • iː		u • uː
Mid	ɛ • ɛː		ɔ • ɔː
Open		a • aː	

Kaera	
Native to	Indonesia
Region	Pantar Island
Native speakers	5,500 (2014) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	Trans–New Guinea ? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>West Bomberai ?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Timor–Alor–Pantar<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Alor–Pantar<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Kaera</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	jka
Glottolog	kaer1234 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/kaer1234) <sup>[2]</sup>

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## External links

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- Kaera Abangiwang Collection (<https://hdl.handle.net/1839/e21f8da0-eba8-461c-aaaa-d4f568f16675>) at The Language Archive
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